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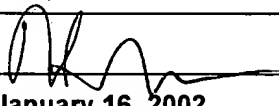
Application Number	09/982,132 /
Filing Date	October 16, 2001
First Named Inventor	Alessandro Zafarana
Group Art Unit	2183
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket No.	856063.715

**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

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Individual Name	Robert Iannucci	 00500 PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE
Signature		
Date	January 16, 2002	

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## Complete if Known

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 to the above-identified deposit account.  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	<b>740</b>
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					<b>(\$ 740)</b>

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
<b>15</b>	-20** = <b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>
Independent Claims <b>4</b>	-3** = <b>1</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) **(\$ 84)**

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

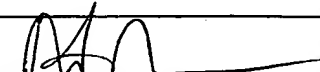
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	<b>130</b>
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) **(\$ 130)**

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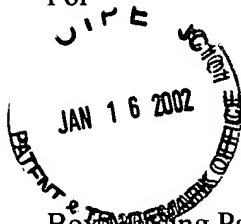
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Alessandro Zafarana et al.  
Application No. : 09/982,132  
Filed : October 16, 2001  
For : MANAGING SYSTEM AND SYNCHRONIZATION METHOD  
FOR A PLURALITY OF VRM-TYPE MODULES

Art Unit : 2183  
Docket No. : 856063.715  
Date : January 16, 2002



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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated November 20, 2001, please find enclosed the following documents:

  X   Fee  
  X   Oath/Declaration  
  X   Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts  
       Sheets of Formal Drawings

Respectfully submitted,  
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.  
    ■ \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 954.**

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